

# Commandant's Award recognizes individual

by Gregory Linton

"...the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard of!" was one of the more surprising remarks of a cadet concerning the Commandant's Award. He went on to say, "No NCO or private should have ten times the privileges of an officer. I mean, even an officer can't skip every formation, and not only that, the person who wins it, no matter how much of a loud-mouth he is, overhears every "confidential" word spoken at the First Captain's Table. I don't think they should get so many privileges just because they can shine their shoes!"

The Commandant's Award is a variation of a military citation called the Colonel's Orderly. Maj. Dillow said, "I feel that Augusta has its ways of recognizing companies, company commanders, etc....but not the individual. I believe that the cadet who leads an active life in barracks and who is sharp at formations deserves some kind of reward."

The procedure by which a cadet is nominated for the award is that each company commander secretly selects him and turns his name over to the Commandant's office by the twentieth of each month. "F" Company, however, will choose a man from each platoon as they will be competing among themselves. The Commandant then will observe each candidate for the remainder of that month. When he finally decides, the name of the winner is announced in the mess hall. The fortunate cadet who receives the award gets a weekend furlough, is exempt from all formations for a month, sits at the First Captain's table, and gets a write-up in his hometown newspaper.

Another respectable cadet exclaimed, "When I first heard of it I thought it was a pretty good idea, but as time went on, I wondered why should a cadet get as many special privileges as an officer and get to skip every formation? Furthermore, no matter what Maj. Dillow says, no officer will ever receive this award, nor will any cadet who has previously been in any serious trouble. This makes the award rather biased!"

"Also, the furlough the winner gets lowers the high standards of the academic furlough. I'm sure

that anyone can shine a shoe. Furthermore, I feel that it will remain within a certain group of people mainly because a majority of the cadets believe that they have absolutely no chance of winning it and could care even less. And finally, I believe that the Commandant's Award, if anything, will spoil the cadet who receives it, because he will have a hard time readjusting to the routine of making formations on time, etc...."

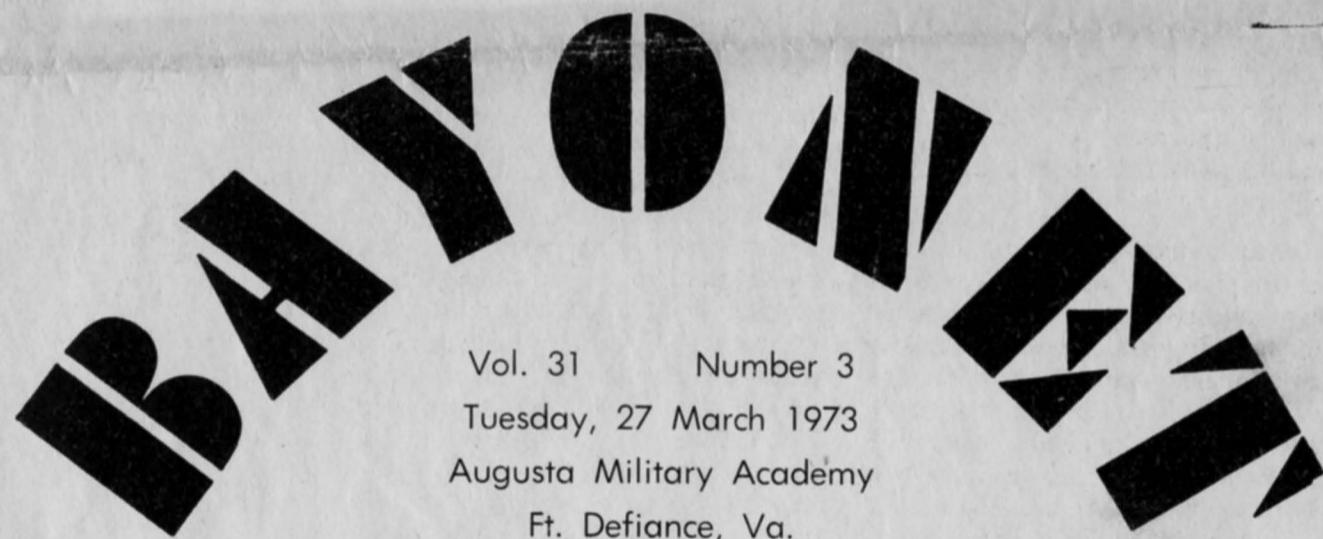
First winner of the unusual award was Cadet Edward Prado. When asked how he felt when he found out that he had won it, he replied, "I was so surprised! I just didn't know what to think!" He added, "Even though I don't have to, I have still attended a few formations and I don't think it will cause me to slack off on my work. Personally, I feel that it is one of the best awards this school can give out!"

When Maj. Dillow was asked if the lengthy period of time between each presentation of the award would cause cadets to slack off in competition, he replied, "In the thirty day period between the an-

nouncing of the winners, the company commanders immediately begin looking for another candidate. This means the day the award is given out, the cadets must begin to compete for it for the next month. Also, the cadet realizes that in order to impress his company commander he must look better than the cadet who had won it previously." As far as lowering the academic furlough standards, he said, "The person who makes Honor Roll gets a weekend furlough in addition to the late permits for the following six weeks. If a cadet makes Honor Roll once he ought to be able to make it again and again, whereas the cadet who wins the Commandant's Award cannot receive it two consecutive times."

Other cadets weren't quite as critical of the award as were others. Cadet Melvin Eugene Campbell said, "I think it's a good thing! It will give the cadet corps spirit and pride!" Cadet Iacone added, "I believe it's a great idea! I'm glad the school came up with it, because now many cadets will get on the stick." Our Spanish friends, Al Sotomayor, had a brief comment, "Pretty good—but only if I get it."

In conclusion, Maj. Dillow stated, "I certainly hope that it will accomplish the full purpose for which it was intended—to enhance competition within the ranks."



## Foosball -- beginning of student activity center

by Gregory Duran

"WOW! Guess what they've put in the P.X.? A Foosball game!" Foosball? A table-top game similar to soccer, the foosball machines were a smashing success with the corps. The first machine was placed in the P.X. on a trial basis and a few days later a second one was added. The possibilities of a few pin ball machines and a pool table were mentioned. Major Dillow suggested that he would like to see the school come through with a Student's Activities Center. "I picture a sort of lounge with a television and a radio in it and also as a place to be used for informal dances."

When asked where the profit from the games would go Major Dillow answered, "The money made with the machines will be divided equally be-

tween the company that furnished the machines and the school. The school's fifty percent will be put directly into a Student's Fund."

Cadet Colonel Herbie Maher added that the school's first objective is to put up outdoor lights on the tennis courts and erect basketball goals and after that, "...well, I guess anything they want!" Col. Herbie Maher also said that he felt the games have definitely increased the corps' moral. "They seem to be getting together more often. Instead of going to the P.X. and smoking cigarettes and eating, they now have something they can have fun with, altogether, I'm pleased! However, I'm shocked that there haven't been any damage reports, because some people who play really get carried away and become rather violent!"



There's always someone to play foosball with—if you have a quarter.

## Spirit - internal external

by Wayne Vincent

Cultivating a desire for "school spirit" has always been a major responsibility and one of the more demanding tasks of the Battalion Commander at Augusta Military Academy, but this year cadet Colonel Herb Maher has, in all "superficial" meanings of the term, found a solution.

As it is so "commonly" called around AMA, the "Spirit stick" is awarded weekly to the company commander for whose company has shown the most "spirit." Putting up sheets supporting school activities such as interscholastic sports, company competition, and general goodwill slogans for the most part is the sole basis of the award.

It is not only his belief, but that of many others, including myself, that "spirit" is a necessary element need-

ed to run a well-rounded company or corps. To me though, the question arises as to whether or not this form of "spirit" is a true expression of the word.

Easily enough, due to the basic military structure of Augusta, "spirit" can be forced upon the cadets, portraying such a falsehood of the extent that there is an "external spirit" without depth or meaning rather than a true "internal" one. It is ludicrous to believe that sheets and posters are the foundation of "true spirit."

Granted, it's nice to display "internal spirit" or "real spirit" through the form of "external spirit," but it is not a necessary element. "Real spirit" is displayed by the cadets of a company or corps in everything they exhibit; school work, interscholastic sports turnouts, intramurals, drill, personal relationships between the cadets, not just sheets and posters.

## Rank?

Dear Editor,

Since Augusta is a military institution, I can understand why we must have a system of rank. There is, however, a practical, as well as moral question which strikes me as interesting.

When a student is placed in a high school situation, especially a private high school situation, the atmosphere should be geared toward academic achievement rather than military achievement. These two aspects of cadet life were probably meant to go hand in hand, but there seems to have been a split somewhere along the line. Today a cadet either has strictly military desires, or strictly academic desires, rarely both.

Allow me to take it a step further. When the high school career has been completed, colleges will be looking more toward academic achievements, and not so much toward military

achievements or military status of the individual in question. Granted, leadership is an important factor, but rank is no certain indication of a person's leadership abilities.

There are many aspects to the moral side of rank. People, especially people of this new generation, despise being told what to do. They despise being ordered to do something. If the chore is a reasonable and sensible one, chances are the individual will do it at a mere suggestion. But when one is told to do something, he resents doing it — just for spite.

Rank, in this school, has become an obsession. Some high ranking members of this cadet corps actually enjoy "pulling their rank," as if rank were a weapon to be used against their enemies. Such displays of rank are immature as well as repulsive, but what is to be done about these few, obnoxious individuals?

There is also a big question of individualism involved here. In this permissive society, by which we have all become spoiled, a new phase of human needs has evolved; the need to be independent, truly independent, and the need to be an individual. Rank tends to deprive some of us, who are not militarily oriented, of our individualism. For instance, those who are staff sergeants and down are a part of the "mass" or unit. They do not stand out as a captain or lieutenant does, not because they are incapable of leadership, as any average human being is capable of marching a platoon or yelling at his fellow man, but because the "masses" came to this school for an education, not a lesson in playing Mickey Mouse.

Rank, among students, does not belong in a high school, or any other academic institution. It belongs in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

David Saslaw

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## FEEDBACK

### Editor's Note:

Spring is now amongst us, and the common apathetic attitude is, and has been abounding. A few cadets, however, have been able to raise themselves from their 'end of the year' slump and evaluate the existing conditions at A.M.A.

What's on your mind? If you have any constructive criticisms, or an opinion about something, write a letter to the editor and share your viewpoint with others.

Get yourself out of the slump you may now be in and start thinking of things to come. Do it today; tomorrow's too late.

## Military -- a must

Dear Editor,

Augusta Military Academy was founded in 1865, but not until 1874 was military introduced into her curriculum. This military has always been a critical part of Augusta's strict system of keeping things in order, and was true until the late 60's, and now the 70's.

Many cadets, since the beginning of the 70's, have been trying to push off and fight away the military. "There's too many rules and regulations to follow," they complain, "and not enough freedom to 'do your own thing'."

Unfortunately these cadets fail to remember that Augusta is a military school and not a public school. If

more freedom and less rules and regulations are wanted, then they should attend a public school instead.

Conversely there are a number of cadets who demandingly say, "we paid for a military school," and believe that AMA should be run like a good military academy.

On many occasions Augusta has failed to fulfill one of its foremost obligations, that being the guidance of an individual in self-discipline and the handling of his responsibilities which will be needed later in life.

If AMA reconstructs her military to a firm and constant system, it will build an outstanding foundation for the years to come.

Luis Marien



Mickey Mouse or G. I. Joe?

## Curriculum due for a change

Dear Sir,

Augusta Military Academy is a fine school, if you're going to college. For college preparation AMA can't be beat.

But what if you don't want to go to college. Suppose you graduate from AMA with a general diploma — what good are you? You have just graduated from a school that specializes in turning out college bound material and yet you don't want to go to college. Yet you don't know a skill, perhaps never had any exposure to the fine arts. You are just a person with a piece of paper that says you have graduated from high school, and you're ready to go out into the world and waiting for God only knows what.

My point is this: if Augusta specializes in teaching in the "now educational pattern" why don't they throw in a few shop courses, a few art courses, perhaps a few specialized business courses, and a few music courses. (Listen up Band, you need music just as bad as the rest of us.)

If AMA wants to grow, it should offer things that make others want to grow, not just intellectually, but with knowledge of practical things that come in handy in everyday life. After all, how many of us are going to use Latin-Asian History, Sociology ad nau-seam?

Ted Leach

# Youth, inexperience, hurts streaks

A basketball team can make a star—but a star cannot make a team. The AMA varsity squad realized that the game largely depends on the “back-up” men.

Two players on the team this year, Joe Thompson and Hardy Hunter—“live” basketball. They received the recognition they deserved in local papers and around the school. But let us not forget the other men on the court.

Augusta had a good ball club this year. They had lots of spirit and hustle, but a lot of things hurt the team. “We had a young team, and we were giving away height, age, and experience every ballgame.....I was satisfied with the team this year.” Thus was the opinion of Major James Hogg, coach of the varsity team. Coach Hogg seemed happy with the team’s “determination and pride” and how the team “got together” in the latter part of the season. “We certainly had hoped to do better at the tournament, and there are a couple of games we should have won, but I think we did pretty well.” The record bears him out.

In their first game, against Eastern Mennonite College, the team was not together. Slagle and Layne had not yet started to come out as they did later in the season. The score was close, 71-86, Thompson, Hunter, and Livick top scorers.

Hosting Madison for their second game, the Streaks still had not overcome their difficulties. Hardy Hunter remarked, “Guys got to have played with each other a long time before they know what the others are gonna do.” Too many shots were missed, and Madison went home on a victory bus.

## Lacrosse blooms

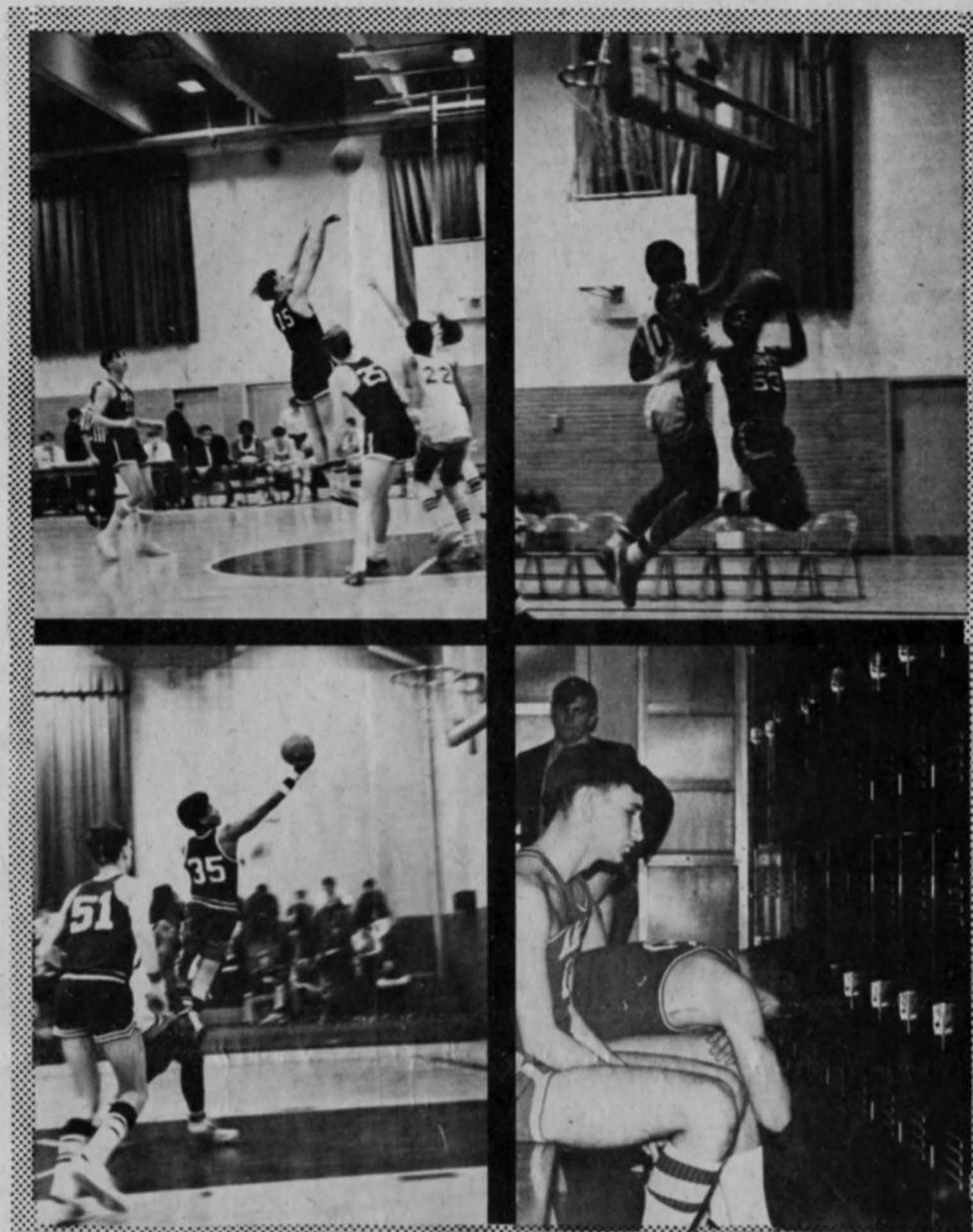
by Carl Kellogg

Spring is just around the corner, and every year a sure sign is, not the typical cherry blossoms at AMA, but instead the sprouting of countless lacrosse sticks and their trusty players.

Participation in lacrosse boasts number one of all sports at Augusta, and is rapidly growing more popular every year.

Head coach of the varsity team, Major Ed Hart, is looking forward to this year for building a strong team. Although the majority of his starters will not be returning, Maj. Hart has many players moving up to varsity from Colonel Paul V. Hoover's fine j.v. team.

Although nothing is as yet definite,



The Streaks pride and determination were evident throughout the season—though sometimes dampened.

Again AMA met Eastern Mennonite; again the college team bettered Augusta. But now the squad was ready to play their first league game. As the Staunton Leader reported, “You put SMA and AMA basketball teams in a gym together and it is usually anybody's ballgame.”

Augusta came on strong in the first part of the game against SMA, and the score was tied at the end of the first quarter. The game was won in the second quarter, as SMA came to the half with a twelve point lead. Ron Slagle led the team through the first half, and the Streaks were down only one point at the end of the third quarter. Though the Streaks dominated the scoring all through the game, SMA remained undefeated, the score jumping in the last minutes of the fourth to 70-66.

AMA's next game was against Hargrave, and the result was neither unpredictable nor a contest. The Streaks maintained a twenty point lead through most of the game, Joe Thompson pushing through with 33 points, Hunter, Layne and Slagle coming up behind. The final score, 82-77, was not only a morale-building victory, but it also brought Augusta's Virginia Military League record up to 1-1.

AMA played a good second half against Fork Union; however, the team “didn't play any basketball during the first half,” according to Major Hogg. Thompson was well covered by FUMA's “box-and-one” defense the first half, and didn't break out until

Maj. Hart feels the team's attack looks good with Al Collins, Mike Minnuni, and possibly Joe Gary. At midfield Herb Maher will be returning along with Lud Sharpless. Heading up the defensive squad will be Steve Gruhn, Greg Gillette, and Steve Harrington.

Up to varsity from Col. Hoover's j.v. team will include many fine prospects. Among these “rookie” varsity players will be Larry Madnati, Larry Nicholson, Larry Debnar, Cris Bowman, Joe Difranco, Tim Emett, Jeff Irish, Luis Marien, Andy Bell, Bill Hammond and “little Georgie” Mena.

“We're not going to have all the strength we had last year,” commented Maj. Hart, “but we are going to build a lot of character and mind with this year's team.”

the second. Slagle and Livick carried the Streaks through the first half bringing in fourteen of the eighteen points scored.

The game against Randolph-Macon was played in the first and third quarters, no scoring taking place in either the second or the fourth quarters. Hurt by a height disadvantage and the lack of Thompson in the second half, the game went to RMC, 76-65.

Ron Slagle led the “white and blue” in the second Hargrave contest, but missing Thompson again hurt the Streaks, giving Hargrave an easy 76-65 win.

Massanutten's two scorers were no match for Augusta's all-around good shooting in the next game against Fork Union, and the 78-60 score brought the team's Virginia Military School League record to 3-4, as AMA prepared for another match against Staunton.

There was no game until the second half in the SMA meet, as Staunton took over in the second quarter, cutting into the Streaks hard. The second quarter virtually decided the game, though Augusta came through with a strong second half.

AMA traveled to Harrisonburg to meet with Madison, and won the trial in the fourth quarter. Joe Thompson racked up 22 points in the second half, and Layne and Livick changed the scoreboard with some good shooting.

Losing Slagle for the Massanutten game hurt the Streaks, and though Thompson, Hunter, Layne and the rest of the team were hustling, they were downed 84-70 by the consistent Massanuttent scoring.

Now Augusta went for the final game before the tournament, against Staunton, the two teams were fairly even at the half, but the Hilltoppers took over the ballgame in the third quarter, and maintained their lead until the end of the game.

Augusta went to the tournament, and spirit was high when the team won their first game, against Hargrave. However, on the second night, when AMA met SMA, the Streaks were once more put down by their old adversary. Staunton went on to win the tournament on the following night. Joe Thompson was voted among the top five best players at the tournament, and Hardy Hunter among the second five.

Though AMA had a young inexperienced team this year, having a large number of older, stronger, and more experienced men next year should make for an exciting season.

The team's record for the season was:

League — 4-5

Overall — 5-7



Herb Mahler displays form during a meet against the Tri-Weapons Club.

## Fencers dominate tournament, remain undefeated

He carefully awaited his chance, an opening in the other's defense. Sensing more than seeing the break, he lunged, barely striking his opponent's lowered arm. The buzzer sounded—it was good!

The preceding paragraph represents one point in a fencing match. Point by point, match by match, team by team, AMA worked its way to win the Blue Ridge Fencing Conference Championship and remain undefeated for the fourth straight year.

Opening match against Frostburg was the team's hardest. (According to team captain Dave Zook.) Relying on a strong epee team, a good foil team, and not sure of what to expect from saber, the team was fencing against the then leading team in the league. From a score tied at thirteen all, Tom McCabe won the final epee match, giving the day to Augusta.

Coming away from an easy 15-12 over Tri-Weapon Club, AMA went to face Virginia Military Institute's varsity squad, who were also topped by a score of 15-12. Though this may have seemed surprising to some, that a high school team would beat VMI, Zook had a ready explanation. "At Augusta, you start fencing early, in your formative years, developing your reflexes. Most of our men have been fencing longer than the men on col-

lege teams, where they average only two years. We're more experienced, and know what we're doing."

Compared to previous years, the team had a fairly easy season. Mercersburg, not up to their usual standards because of lack of school support, was soundly sent off with a score of 19-8. When the Bladesmen again met VMI, the 16-11 score showed again the superior team. The Murray Woods Musketeers, a new team in the league this year, were vanquished 18-9, but Zook remarked that they would be, "a team to watch out for" in future years.

When Augusta went to the BRFC fencing tournament, they racked up. For the first time in league history all nine men on a team made it to the finals.

Learning from past mistakes, the saber team worked its way to the top, and Guillermo (Billy) Morales brought the trophy home; with Dave Bacon and Joe DiFranco.

Undefeated, the epee team went right on through the tournament the same way, and team captain Dave Zook took the trophy. Tom McCabe and Bob Walker, second and third respectively, accompanied Dave.

Efforts of Lee Ramsey and his foil team were, however, unable to bring Bruce Wankin, top foil for Tri-Weapon

## Swim team takes third in JML

by Paul Cartwright

Rising to the surface after a three year period of hibernation, AMA claimed third in the five school Junior Military League.

Posting a marvelous record this season, the diving team, "managed somehow" to place first at every meet. This isn't surprising when considering that the Creekmore brothers placed as the first and second divers in the state championships.

Lt. Bruce "Coach" Smith reinstated the team as a competitive sport at Augusta after its demise three years ago. When asked his motives for re-

starting the team, he would only say, "... the students approached me and expressed an interest in having a team this year. I saw an opening, so I stepped forward to fill it."

Managers of the team, Paul Cartwright and George Mena, expressed their individual viewpoints of the team in this fashion: (George) — "... the members of the team are relatively young, so this should be good for next year's team."

(Paul) — "... the team did alright, if you consider all it had going against it, being a new team and all. But the coach and myself expect to see much better results next year."

## 'God Squad' finds home

by P. Andrew Cartwright

Has Jesus Christ transferred his place of worship from churches to classrooms?

No, not really. Although the Jesus Christ and Company has moved its place of worship once again. Originally they shifted their headquarters from the second stoop tower in Band Co. to the second stoop tower in "big barracks." Now it has been moved once again to its present location: classroom eighteen in Hoover Hall.

Jesus Christ and Co. has been rapidly expanding and needed a new and

larger meeting place. Therefore, with the go ahead signal from the school, the "five disciples" (Tom Bowers, Jim Favors, Carl Kellogg, Luis Marien and Herb Maher) got together and went to work. All work has been undertaken by these few cadets and all expense, except for the paint which the school provided, has come out of their own pockets.

Even though the room will be used as a meeting place for the members of the "God-Squad," the room will not be so sacred that the average agnostic cadet cannot set a foot in it for fear of those "bolts of lightning!" Basically it will be for the average cadet when he feels the need for solitude and searching of one's self.

After the completion of the classroom, they (J.J.&C.) plan on having numerous guest speakers come to speak with any and all interested cadets. On the tentative list of guest speakers are: a clergyman from the Church of Latter Day Saints, a priest, a Presbyterian minister, and possibly a Rabbi.

"The Jesus Christ & Co. would like to thank the corps and Colonel Hoover for putting up with the construction down in 'Herbert Hoover's Holy Hall'" commented one of the five "disciples."

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Augusta has recently been plagued by several cases of thievery in barracks and in order to find out exactly how the cadets corps felt about this more than serious problem, AMA's psychology classes decided to conduct a survey. In this survey were also questions concerning drugs and drug usage. The results of this survey were admittedly shocking: 75% of the corps agreed that they, at one time or another, were guilty of theft. Fortunately, only 22% have actually stolen articles while at Augusta. 89% of the corps feel that there definitely is a problem at AMA concerning thievery in barracks; however, only 28% of the cadets would report a theft if they saw it being committed. Surprisingly enough, 58% of the corps felt that the administration was at fault for not doing their share to help prevent it!

It is, perhaps, a sign of our times that 47% of the corps has tried illegal drugs, and 46% of the people who have used drugs use them for self-enjoyment and only 21% were motivated by curiosity or experimentation.

Although 54% of the corps admit to having used drugs at AMA, some of these "extra" drug users may not have realized that the question concerns illegal drugs, 52% of the student body feel there is no drug problem at Augusta, and surprisingly only 33% of the 47% that thought there was a drug problem were concerned about it.

Cadets are unwilling to turn people in to the administration for drug use, as only 2% said they would.

# Drugs, liquor abound - not HONOR

5% of the corps would turn him in to a cadet officer, while 50% would tell the cadet to get rid of it. 43% simply wouldn't do anything about it. This clearly indicates a high amount of distrust among the cadets towards the administration and officers.

The "New Morality" is not only present at AMA, but flourishing. This statement is supported by the fact that 74% of the cadets at Augusta believe that marijuana should be legalized in contrast to only 57% in last year's political survey. And if any of the drug users or drinkers were "busted" for these activities while at Augusta, only 37% would quit, while 56% would keep on with their own brand of extracurricular activities.

An unsurprisingly high 83% of the corps have consumed alcohol while at AMA. Apparently, there is only 9% of the corps who will resort to drugs alone. 53% of the cadets would like to be left alone with

only their bottles, while 26% prefer a combination of both. In short, check the breath, then the eyes.

In addition, 84% of the corps understands the honor code, but only 9% of the cadets would turn a person in if he knew he was cheating or lying, while 52% of the corps said that they enforce this code! 59% would talk to him about it and 28% would do absolutely nothing. This survey shows a definite tendency in the corps, which is, that the cadets feel themselves better qualified to deal with any situation that should arise rather than seeking assistance through the usual channels.

Hopefully, this poll will help you, as well as the administration, to see how things "really are" at Augusta. One thing is for sure; the 1972-1973 corps isn't quite as "dry" as they had guessed at the commencing of the year.

## The statistics are here -- but not the answers

1. Have you used any type of illegal drug?  
Yes — 57%  
No — 41%  
No opinion — 2%
2. For what reason did you decide to use drugs?  
Experimentation or curiosity — 21%  
Self-enjoyment — 46%  
Influence by friends — 8%  
No opinion — 25%
3. Have you ever used any drugs while at AMA?  
Yes — 54%  
No — 43%  
No opinion — 3%
4. Do you feel that there is a drug problem at AMA?  
Yes — 47%  
No — 52%  
No opinion — 1%  
If yes, are you concerned about it?  
Yes — 33%  
No — 42%  
No opinion — 25%
5. If you knew a cadet who had possession of any drug or alcoholic beverages, would you:  
Turn him in to the administration — 2%  
Turn him in to a cadet officer — 5%  
Go to the cadet and tell him to get rid of it — 50%  
Not do anything about it — 43%
6. Do you think that marijuana should be legalized?  
Yes — 74%  
No — 21%  
No opinion — 4%
7. If you were busted for using drugs or alcohol, would you quit?  
Yes — 37%  
No — 56%  
No opinion — 7%
8. Have you ever drunk or had possession of any alcoholic beverage while at AMA?  
Yes — 63%  
No — 37%
9. Have you ever been intoxicated?  
Yes — 83%  
No — 13%  
No opinion — 4%
10. Do you prefer:  
Drugs — 9%  
Alcohol — 53%  
Both — 26%  
None of these — 11%  
No opinion — 1%
11. If you did drink any alcoholic beverage, was it because,  
Experimentation or curiosity — 8%  
Self-enjoyment — 76%  
Because of a personal problem — 1%  
Influenced by friends — 10%  
No opinion — 5%
12. Do your parents drink any alcoholic beverages?  
Yes — 72%  
No — 27%  
No opinion — 1%
13. Have you ever stolen any article?  
Yes — 75%  
No — 24%  
No opinion — 1%  
Have you stolen any article while at AMA?  
Yes — 22%  
No — 77%  
No opinion — 1%
14. If a cadet is caught stealing, what do you think should be his punishment?  
A. Dismissed from school — 22%  
B. Special order & 100 tours — 17%  
C. All privileges taken away — 26%  
D. Both B & C — 39%
15. If you have ever stolen, does it bother your conscience?  
Yes — 48%  
No — 37%  
No opinion — 15%
16. If you knew a cadet who had stolen something, would you,  
Turn him into the administration — 12%  
Turn him into an officer or NCO — 16%  
Go talk to him and maybe make him turn it in — 4%  
or take it back to the owner — 60%  
Not do anything about it — 8%
17. Do you think that stealing is a problem at AMA?  
Yes — 89%  
No — 7%  
No opinion — 4%
18. Do you enforce the honor code?  
Yes — 52%  
No — 44%  
No opinion — 4%
19. Do you know and understand the honor code?  
Yes — 84%  
No — 14%  
No opinion — 14%
20. If you saw a cadet or cadets enter into another cadet's room, and you knew the cadet rooming there wasn't in, would you:  
Turn him into the administration — 4%  
Turn him into a cadet officer or NCO — 17%  
Investigate it yourself — 67%  
Do nothing at all — 9%
21. Do you go along with the idea of stealing?  
Yes — 4%  
No — 94%  
No opinion — 2%
22. Do you feel that the administration and faculty are doing their share to help prevent stealing?  
Yes — 40%  
No — 58%  
No opinion — 2%
23. Have you ever cheated at AMA?  
Yes — 69%  
No — 36%
24. If you saw a cadet cheating or lying, would you:  
Turn him in — 9%  
Talk to him about it — 59%  
Not do anything at all — 28%  
No opinion — 4%
25. How do you feel about a cadet who turns in another cadet for drugs, alcohol, lying, cheating, or stealing?  
He's a **NARC!** — 37%  
He's a cadet doing his job — 39%  
No opinion — 24%

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## Talent show ~ mixed moods

by Ted Leach

It wasn't the Hollywood Palace, but then again it wasn't a third rate burlesque act either. It was simply one of the best talent shows that has ever been seen at AMA.

Steve Gruhn, along with a host of others, was responsible for the organization of the show. Others donated blankets, beds, uniforms, repelling equipment, and work since well before Christmas. Although after the Christmas vacation the work seemed to slacken, in the final week everyone worked feverishly until the actual opening night.

Finally, the big night arrived. On the ninth of February, over 300 cadets, faculty and their families, and girls from both Stuart and Fairfax Halls were in the audience.

Andy Bell and Joe Kennedy were the emcees for the "hit parade." The first act was Greg Duran's "Dudly" who formally introduced the show.

Also participating was a talented array of musicians who interestingly enough could only play the theme songs of different beer commercials.

F Company donated Paul "Milk-dud" Osby and Marc Ray, who did drum solos. Dave Saslaw added his talented voice and guitar playing to the show.

Other singers were Chuck Knapp, Marlene Huron, and William Creekmore. The girls from Fairfax Hall, Sue Reynolds and Pam Strange did a duet medley of songs. Tom Kennedy then added his golden voice to the air, with Joe Thompson and Hardy Hunter bringing up the rear of the vocal part of the show.

George Mena and company were responsible for the showing of AMA after dark in the, "Who Stole the Box of Doughnuts Again?" caper. Creditable performances go to George Mena as Maj. Dillow, Chichi Hernandez as Capt. Sharp, Miguel Perez as Herbert Cobb Maher, Danny Mishann



Steve Gruhn stands stunned at Bill Creekmore's frontal attack.

who did an excellent imitation of Lt. Moore, Max Rodriguez as Lt. Baird, Felix Montez as the guard, Alejandro Vence as Belle. Andres Ayau was Sherlock Holmes and Bob Koffman portrayed himself in this little drama.

## SPRING springs new Springs

by T. Rex Leach

Most of us are sleeping a lot easier these days, not because we're safe in the knowledge that AMA would not be bombed in the event of a nuclear attack, but because we're sleeping in new beds.

The administration decided that because the old single and bunk beds were beginning to show their age they should be replaced. When the school found the bed frames it wanted, it was also found that box spring mattresses could be procured to fit the frames as well. The beds were procured from the government as military surplus.

To the delight and expectation of

us all, the new beds were found to be much more comfortable. For the record, let it be known that the new beds were favored over the old ones by a margin of six to one.

We have to put up with the old mattresses which are woefully undersized for the new frames. Many of us found ourselves on the floor because the new beds (with the old mattresses

on them) rock and sway like a dinghy in a typhoon.

To many of us, the new frames were a challenge. They came in three pieces and usually had to be banged, hammered, and cursed in order to make them go together right. In fact, it is believed that the longest time record for putting one of the beds together is held by this reporter who took thirty-seven minutes. If anyone

else took longer, please let Herb Maher know so he can be nominated for the Silver Citation.

Dan Resnick, "Pauline" Cartwright, and David Bacon did a stint on the rigidity and morality of the typical (?) sharp cadet, much to the chagrin of us all.

A pie battle between Bill Creekmore and Steve Gruhn resulted in a total disaster for the two, as well as Andy Bell, Joe Kennedy, and a few unfortunate members of the audience.

Highlighting the evening was the burlesque act put on by Jeff Clark, Danny (Lt. Moore) Mishaan, Max Rodriguez and Chichi Hernandez, bringing the house down. For a number of moments, the air was filled with cat calls, giggles, shouts and yells of "take it off."

Finally came the moment that everyone had been waiting for, the presentation of awards. Kellogg's Kornflakes took first with Tom Kennedy placing second. Another important award was given to Carlos Perez for possession of the biggest 'zit', Tom Del Valle proudly placed second.

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